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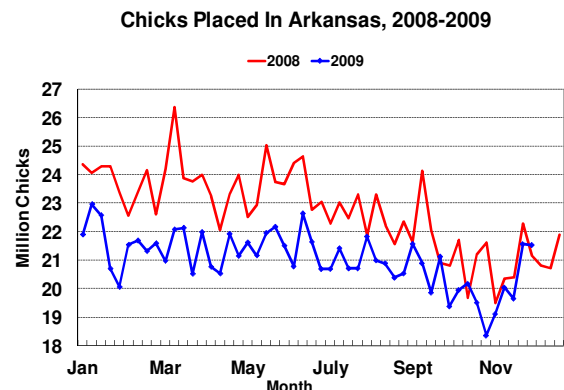
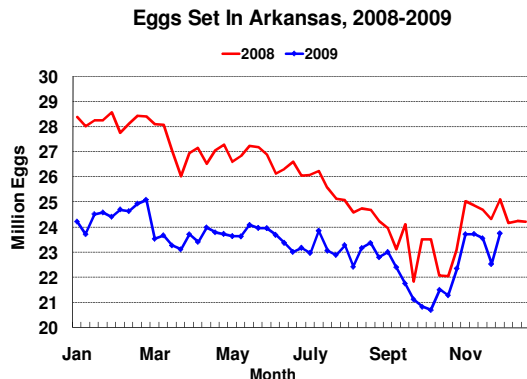


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.5 million during the week ending December 12, 2009. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but virtually unchanged from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 12, 2009, down 5 percent from the same period last year but up 5 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, November 14, 2009 - December 12, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	14-Nov	21-Nov	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	14-Nov	21-Nov	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,291	28,480 *	28,513	29,465	29,548	19,861	18,285	18,215 *	21,077 *	20,232
Arkansas	23,727	23,732 *	23,561	22,541 *	23,758	19,118	20,045	19,658	21,571 *	21,537
Delaware	3,260	3,781	3,366	3,102 *	3,295	4,142	3,924	4,871	4,961	4,150
Florida	1,096	1,329	1,329	1,329	1,327	920	1,021	1,017	821	1,010
Georgia	30,152	30,497	31,283	31,043	31,544	25,074	22,950	24,256	25,026 *	25,688
Kentucky	7,726	7,909 *	8,034	8,047	8,005	5,273 *	6,118 *	6,430 *	6,290	6,069
Louisiana	3,409	3,440	3,304	3,424	3,349	2,795	2,594	2,687	2,969	3,075
Maryland	8,371	8,711	8,698	8,922	8,918	5,260	5,927	5,870	5,385	6,770
Mississippi	18,464	18,511 *	18,620	18,271	18,780	14,413	13,563	15,374	15,785	15,903
N. Carolina	18,787	18,986 *	19,189 *	18,243 *	18,846	14,593	14,690	15,281	15,379	15,505
Oklahoma	7,399	7,082 *	7,138	6,869 *	6,925	4,588	3,587	5,392	4,322	3,869
Pennsylvania	3,999	3,830	3,857	3,635 *	3,821	2,824	2,951	2,833	3,170 *	3,088
S. Carolina	6,080	5,375	5,613	5,685	5,589	4,871	4,441	4,726	5,199	4,586
Texas	15,380	15,681	15,255	15,302	15,689	12,836	12,188	13,330	13,414	13,631
Virginia	6,265	6,222	6,201	6,193	5,968	4,775	4,856	4,173	4,973	5,065
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,154 *	18,294 *	17,227 *	17,697 *	18,662	14,935 *	14,010 *	14,303 *	15,932	16,739
19 State Total	201,560 *	201,860 *	201,188 *	199,768 *	204,024	156,278 *	151,150 *	158,416 *	166,274 *	166,917
Prev. Year Total	202,149	203,681	204,719	200,741	205,041	156,111	152,410	159,463	166,189	167,904
% of Prev. Year	100	99	98	100	100	100	99	99	100	99

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 12, 2009. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 12, 2009. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 12, 2009 were 8.28 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.